

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Ohio**

**Bankruptcy Fee Chart**

**Source: Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Revised 2003 &  
Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule**

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## General Rules

- The filing fee will be in cash, cashier's check, money order, check or credit card. A debtor's personal check or credit card may never be accepted; payment must be made in the form of cash or money order. Only cash or money order will be accepted by a second party filing on behalf of the debtor. [Internal Controls, § 3.03b]
- Third party checks will not be accepted. Cashiers will not accept negotiable instruments made out only to the name of the Clerk personally or made out to someone else and endorsed to the court. [Internal Controls, § 3.03d]
- A list, as approved by the Clerk, of persons or entities whose checks will not be accepted will be sent by the administrative manager to all deputy clerks in charge and updated regularly. [Internal Controls, § 3.03e]
- Foreign currency will not be accepted. [Internal Controls, § 3.03f]

## Initial Filing Fees

Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Voluntary Chapter 7	\$245 Filing Fee \$ 39 Adm. Fee <u>\$ 15 Chap 7 Surcharge</u> \$299 Total Fee	Effective 1/1/04, installment payments of fee are permissible in ECF.	28 USC § 1930(a); Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Items 8 & 9 ; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part B (1) (A)
Involuntary Chapter 7	\$245 Filing Fee \$ 39 Adm. Fee <u>\$ 15 Chap 7 Surcharge</u> \$299 Total Fee	No installment payments may be made.	28 USC § 1930(a); Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Items 8 & 9; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part B (1) (D)
Chapter 13	\$235 Filing Fee <u>\$ 39 Adm. Fee</u> \$274 Total Fee		28 USC § 1930(a)
Chapter 11 (Non RR)	\$1,000 Filing Fee <u>\$ 39 Adm. Fee</u> \$1,039 Total Fee		28 USC § 1930(a)
Chapter 11 (RR)	\$1,000 Filing Fee <u>\$ 39 Adm. Fee</u> \$1,039 Total Fee		28 USC § 1930(a)
Chapter 12	\$200 Filing Fee <u>\$ 39 Adm. Fee</u> \$239 Total Fee		28 USC § 1930(a)

Chapter 15	\$1,000 Filing Fee \$ 39 Adm. Fee \$1,039 Total Fee		Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 16
Fees for Splitting Cases			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Chapter 7	\$220	For Consolidated or Jointly Administered Cases that are subsequently split, the fee is due. No fee is due if the court splits a case <i>sua sponte</i> .	Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 19; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part C (1) (A) & (B) & C (2)
Chapter 13	\$150		
Chapter 11	\$1,000		
Chapter 12	\$200		
Fees for Converting Cases			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Debtor Requesting Conversion from Chapter 7 to Chapter 11	\$755	Fee is due after the court grants the debtor’s motion.	Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part D (1) (A) & Part D (1) (B)
Reconversion of Chapter 7 to Chapter 11	None		Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part D (1) (A) (1)
Chapter 7 to Chapter 12	None		
Chapter 7 to Chapter 13	None		
Chapter 11 to Chapter 7	\$15 Chapter 7 Surcharge		Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 10; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part D (3) (A) & Part D (1) (B) (9)
Chapter 11 to Chapter 12	None		Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part D (1) (B) (9)
Chapter 11 to Chapter 13	None		Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part D (1) (B) (9)

Chapter 12 to Chapter 7	\$15 Chapter 7 Surcharge	If trustee before conversion is movant, conversion fee is payable only from the estate that existed before conversion.	Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 10; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Parts D (1) (B) & D (1) (B) (8)
Chapter 12 to Chapter 11	None		28 USC § 1930
Chapter 12 to Chapter 13	None		
Chapter 13 to Chapter 7	\$15 Chapter 7 Surcharge	If trustee before conversion is movant, conversion fee is payable only from the estate that existed before conversion.	Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 10; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Parts (D) (1) (B) & (D) (1) (B) (8)
Chapter 13 to Chapter 11	\$765		Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Parts (D) (1) (A) & (D) (1) (B)
Chapter 13 to Chapter 12	None		
<b>Fees for Inter-District Transfer</b> No Fees Due - Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part E.			
<b>Miscellaneous Contested Proceedings Fees.</b>			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Motion to Terminate, Annul, Modify or Condition Automatic Stay	\$150	Except Motion for Relief from the Co-debtor Stay  Except Child Support Creditor or Representative of such, but only if appropriate waiver form is filed  Except Motion for Court Approval of Agreement to any type of relief from Automatic Stay	Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 20; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part F (1) (A) & F (2)
Motion to Compel Abandonment of Property	\$150	Except Notice of Abandonment by Trustee	Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 20; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Parts F (1) (A) & F (3)

<b>Motion to Withdraw the Reference of a Case or Proceeding (including Administrative Case, Adversary Proceeding or Contested Proceeding)</b>	<b>\$150</b>		<b>Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 20; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part F (1) (A) &amp; (B)</b>
<b>Fees for Complaints/Adversary Proceedings</b>			
<b>Type of Filing</b>	<b>Fee Due</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Source of Authority</b>
<b>Complaints initiating civil action (other than habeas corpus)</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>No fee for the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaints/APs initiating civil action filed by the Debtor</li> <li>• Complaints/APs initiating civil action filed by the United States</li> <li>• Adversary Proceeding filed by Debtor in Possession in Chapters 11 &amp; 12 to determine dischargeability of a claim</li> <li>• Add Parties or to add a Third party Complaint to an AP that has been commenced</li> <li>• Adversary Proceeding filed by Child Support Creditors or their representative, but only if appropriate waiver form is filed</li> <li>• Adversary Proceeding initiated by the Debtor in Possession acting for the benefit of the individual debtor.</li> </ul>	<b>Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 6; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Parts G (1) (C) &amp; G (1) (C) (2)</b>
<b>Notice of Removal to Bankruptcy Court from another forum</b>	<b>\$250</b>		<b>Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part G (1) (A)</b>
<b>Adversary Proceeding initiated by the Trustee</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>Payable only from the estate to the extent there is one</b>	<b>Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Parts G (1) (B) (1) &amp; (2)</b>

Adversary Proceeding initiated by the Debtor in Possession acting for the benefit of the <u>estate</u>	\$250		11 USC § 363(h) - sale of both the interest of the estate & of a co-owner in property; 11 USC § 542(a) - turnover; 11 USC § 544 - “strong arm” avoidance; 11 USC § 545 - statutory lien avoidance; 11 USC § 547(a) - preference avoidance; 11 USC § 548(a) - fraudulent transfer avoidance; 11 USC § 550 - recovery of avoided transfer from a transferee; and 11 USC § 553(a) - recovery of setoff. Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part G (1) (C)
<b>Filing Fees for Appeals and Cross Appeals</b>			
Type of Filing	Fee Due	Comments	Source of Authority
Notice of Appeal	\$250 Docketing Fee <u>\$ 5 Notice of Appeal</u> \$255 Total Fee	No Fee When United States files Notice of Appeal.  No Fee When Child Support Creditor files Notice of Appeal, but only if appropriate waiver form is filed.	Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 15; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Parts H (1) & (H) (1) (B)
Cross Appeal	\$250 Docketing Fee <u>\$ 5 Notice of Appeal</u> \$255 Total Fee	The Clerk must accept a Notice of Appeal even if the appeal is submitted without a fee.	Bankruptcy Court Misc Fee Schedule Item 21; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Parts H (1) & (H) (1) (B)
When a party files a Motion for Leave to File an Appeal	\$250 Docketing Fee <u>\$ 5 Notice of Appeal</u> \$255 Total Fee Collected if court grants the motion to appeal.		Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part H (1) (B) (5)
When Trustee or Debtor in Possession files Notice of Appeal	\$250 Docketing Fee <u>\$ 5 Notice of Appeal</u> \$255 Total Fee		Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part H (1) (B) (6)

### **Fees Due Upon Dismissal**

The debtor's obligation to pay the filing fee is unchanged by a dismissal. These fees are still due and the clerk has an obligation to pursue collection. Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part I (1).

### **Fee for Reopening Cases**

<b>Type of Filing</b>	<b>Fee Due</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Source of Authority</b>
<b>Motion to Reopen</b>	<b>Same as Fees for Initial Filing</b>	<b>No Fee if reopening is due to administrative error or to file an action related to discharge.</b>	<b>Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 11; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part (J) (1)</b>
<b>If reopening filed by U. S. Trustee</b>	<b>May defer the fee pending discovery.</b>		<b>Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 11; Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part J (1) (A) (4)</b>
<b>If reopening filed by a private trustee or the U. S. Trustee acting as a private trustee</b>	<b>Same as Fees for Initial Filing</b>		<b>Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part J (1) (A) (5)</b>
<b>If installments of the original filing fee are due when a debtor files a motion to reopen, the debtor must pay the remaining installments and the reopening fee.</b>	<b>Remaining Installment payments due and Same as Fees for Initial Filing</b>		<b>Bankruptcy Fee Compendium II, Part J (1) (C)</b>

### **Miscellaneous Administrative Fees**

<b>Type of Filing</b>	<b>Fee Due</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Source of Authority</b>
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<b>Amendment to Schedules</b>	<b>\$26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee assessed per filing not per change.</li> <li>• No fee to change the address of a listed creditor.</li> <li>• No fee to add the name &amp; address of an Attorney for a creditor already listed on schedules.</li> <li>• On a case by case basis, the court may waive the fee for good cause.</li> <li>• No fee when a debtor files a schedule of post-petition debts after converting from a Chapter 13 to a Chapter 7.</li> </ul>	<b>Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 4</b>
<b>Archives Retrieval</b>	<b>\$45</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee for retrieving a file from Archives to reopen case even if no reopening fee is charged.</li> <li>• If the court consolidates several cases for disposition but the case files are filed separately with the Federal Records Center, a fee is charged for each file separately stored.</li> <li>• If file is stored prior to expiration of time for appeal, no fee is charged for retrieval.</li> <li>• Federal Records Center can process on-line requests for copies of archived documents at: <a href="http://www.archives.gov/facilities/ga/atlanta.html">http://www.archives.gov/facilities/ga/atlanta.html</a></li> </ul>	<b>Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 13</b>



<b>Certification</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Certification fee applies regardless of whether clerk makes certification directly on the document or by separate instrument.</b></li> <li>• <b>Combined Search and Certification require the clerk to collect both fees as well as copies fees if they apply.</b></li> </ul>	<b>Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 2</b>
<b>Copies of Record or Paper</b>	<b>\$.50 per page</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fee applies to paper copies of original documents, microfiche or microfilm, or electronic files.</b></li> <li>• <b>Fee applies to services rendered on behalf of US only if the record or paper is available through electronic access.</b></li> <li>• <b>Fee must be collected when faxing documents.</b></li> <li>• <b>No fee due for copies of documents required by FEMA for victims of natural disasters for emergency aid applications.</b></li> </ul>	<b>Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 1</b>
<b>Exemplification</b>	<b>\$18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Combined Search and Exemplification require the clerk to collect both fees as well as copies fees if they apply.</b></li> </ul>	<b>Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 2</b>
<b>Microfilm/Microfiche</b>	<b>\$5</b>		<b>Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 12</b>

Miscellaneous Case	\$39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee charged for a request to register a judgement entered in another district.</li> <li>• Fee charged for filing a motion for a protective order or motion to quash a subpoena issued in a case pending in another district.</li> <li>• Fee charged for request to perpetuate testimony concerning a potential adversary proceeding under FRBP 7027.</li> <li>• Fee charged for request to register a discharge order under FRBP 4004 (f).</li> <li>• Fee charged for request to register with the court a document not in a case or proceeding.</li> </ul>	Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 7
Recording Duplication	\$26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee applies to each recording or for each portion of a recording reproduced.</li> <li>• No exemptions for federal agencies if record is available on CM/ECF.</li> </ul>	Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 3
Returned Check	\$45		Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 14
Search of Records	\$26	Fee applies to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the information requested is available through electronic access.	Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item 5
Witness Fee	\$40 per day		11 USC § 503 (b) (6); 28 USC § 1821(b)
Witness Mileage	\$.445 per mile		28 USC § 1821 (c) (2); 5 USC § 5704
<b>Fee Schedule for Electronic Public Access</b>			

<b>Type of Filing</b>	<b>Fee Due</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Source of Authority</b>
<b>Viewing Electronic records</b>	<b>\$ .08 per page for PACER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total for any document, docket sheet, or case-specific report not to exceed the fee for 30 pages, i.e., \$2.40.</li> <li>• One free copy of all electronically filed documents to attorneys of record and parties in a case, including pro se litigants.</li> <li>• Charges will be billed when they exceed \$10 each calendar year.</li> <li>• No fees from federal agencies funded from judiciary appropriations including Criminal Justice Act attorneys' requests.</li> <li>• No fees from Bankruptcy Case Trustees.</li> </ul>	<b>Electronic Public Access Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item I; Order Signed by Chief Judge Bodoh on September 1, 2002</b>
<b>Printing Electronic Records at Customer Service area</b>	<b>\$ .10 per page</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee applies to requests for services rendered on behalf of the US if the record requested is available on the court's electronic access system.</li> </ul>	<b>Electronic Public Access Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item II</b>
<b>PACER Search</b>	<b>\$20</b>		<b>Electronic Public Access Miscellaneous Fee Schedule Item III</b>